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COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Military Information from Schwerin

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PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)  REMARKS  SOURCE  

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25X1X  1. In early January 1954, the Hindenburg Kaserne, Schwerin, was heavily occupied by about 2,500 to 3,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. About 15 rocket launchers were seen in the barracks area. Source expressed the belief that the equipment included 5 to 10 more rocket launchers. Groups of 10 to 30 soldiers received training in firing with rifles, light machine guns, submachine guns and guns in the field.  

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2. In early January, the Krueger Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. Source determined 100-mm AT guns and, on one day, 18 x 152-mm field howitzers in the barracks area.

3. In early January, the Boltke Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. T-34 tanks and SU-100 guns were observed in the barracks area.

4. In early January, the following Soviet documents were found at a garbage dump near the barracks installations in Schwerin.

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a. Four fragments of envelopes addressed to soldiers   z, I, K and L, the first postmarked 26 November 1953, examined by Censorship Office   stamped   and mailed from the Vologda Oblast; the second postmarked 2 January 1954, examined by Censorship Office   and stamped   the third postmarked 27 December 1953; and the fourth postmarked 24 December 1953.

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b. An envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit   postmarked 17 December 1953, examined by Censorship Office   stamped   and mailed   from the Vimitsa Oblast.

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c. Two fragments of envelopes, the first postmarked 27 December 1953, examined by Censorship Office   and stamped  ; and the second postmarked 30 December 1953, examined by Censorship Office   and stamped  

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d. An envelope with an address in the USSR and the return address of a soldier of Unit    

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5. On 30 December, a certificate, dated 12 February 1953 and signed by Major Barnet (fnu), commanding officer of Unit [redacted] was found near a Soviet commissary on Karl Liebknecht Strasse.<sup>2</sup> 25X1B

6. On 11 January, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied to capacity. On 4 January, about 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced aiming with 3 x 37-mm AA guns, while 12 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets received training on a searchlight. On 6 January, about 65 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets engaged in aiming practice on 6 x 57-mm AT guns in the training area opposite the installation, while about 40 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns left the installation for the training area.

7. On 11 January, the Fritsch Kaserne was heavily occupied. On 4 and 8 January, about 80 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets engaged in infantry training and physical training in the barracks yard.

8. On 11 January, the Koltke Kaserne was heavily occupied. On 4 January, about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets received training on obstacles and 5 T-34/85 tanks were seen in the tank training area opposite the barracks installation. On 11 January, 11 T-34/85 tanks were seen leaving the installation for the training area.

9. On 11 January, the Krueger Kaserne was heavily occupied. Between 4 and 8 January, an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced firing with submachine guns at the firing range near the installation; about 70 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying sight equipment entered the installation; and other troops worked in prime movers in the barracks yard.<sup>1</sup> 25X1

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